

an open-end investment company. Applicants further state that the Fund will apply the CDSC (and any waivers or scheduled variations of the CDSC) uniformly to all shareholders in a given class and consistently with the requirements of rule 22d-1 under the Act.

#### *Asset-Based Service and/or Distribution Fees*

1. Section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act prohibit an affiliated person of a registered investment company or an affiliated person of such person, acting as principal, from participating in or effecting any transaction in connection with any joint enterprise or joint arrangement in which the investment company participates unless the Commission issues an order permitting the transaction. In reviewing applications submitted under section 17(d) and rule 17d-1, the Commission considers whether the participation of the investment company in a joint enterprise or joint arrangement is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act, and the extent to which the participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

2. Rule 17d-3 under the Act provides an exemption from section 17(d) and rule 17d-1 to permit open-end investment companies to enter into distribution arrangements pursuant to rule 12b-1 under the Act. Applicants request an order under section 17(d) and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit the Fund to impose asset-based service and/or distribution fees. Applicants have agreed to comply with rules 12b-1 and 17d-3 as if those rules applied to closed-end investment companies.

#### **Applicants' Condition**

The Fund agrees that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following condition:

Applicants will comply with the provisions of rules 6c-10, 12b-1, 17d-3, 18f-3 and 22d-1 under the Act, as amended from time to time or replaced, as if those rules applied to closed-end management investment companies, and will comply with NASD Conduct Rule 2830, as amended from time to time, as if that rule applied to all closed-end management investment companies.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 9391]**

#### **Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Pierre Bonnard: Painting Arcadia" Exhibition**

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Pierre Bonnard: Painting Arcadia," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Legion of Honor, San Francisco, California, from on about February 6, 2016, until on or about May 15, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PD, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: December 14, 2015.

**Kelly Keiderling,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 9392]**

#### **Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of expressions of interest from members of the public wishing to serve as representative members of the Department of State's Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services (IPoDS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that applications are now being accepted from members of the public who wish to serve on the IPoDS Committee, which was established in accordance with the provisions of the 39 U.S.C. 407(b)(3) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

Under the terms of its charter, the IPoDS Committee comprises members representing mailers, private sector delivery companies, stakeholders in international delivery services or others who are directly affected by international postal operations. The Committee also includes Federal members from several U.S. Government agencies including the Postal Regulatory Commission, and the United States Postal Service. Members are appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. The Committee provides advice to the Department of State with respect to U.S. foreign policy related to international postal services and other international delivery services and U.S. policy toward the Universal Postal Union and other international postal and delivery organizations. Representative members of the Committee serve on a voluntary basis and without compensation.

In order to be appointed to the Committee, interested individuals must represent identifiable users or providers of international postal or delivery services or others directly affected by international postal operations. There is no specified form for applications. Prospective Committee members should submit a letter expressing their interest in serving that explicitly identifies the group or entity they represent. They should also include a clear statement of the connection of that group or entity to the use or provision of international postal or delivery services. Letters must state whether a prospective Committee member is a registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent and must disclose all other interested parties, foreign and domestic, that the prospective member represents or advises in any capacity as well as the

contractual or employment basis for such representation or advice. Letters should also describe the prospective member's relevant qualifications and experience and may be accompanied by supporting documentation, such as a biographic statement or resume, and confirmation from the group or entity represented that the prospective member is authorized to represent that group or entity on the Committee. Inclusion of an email address and/or telephone number in each applicant's submission will speed communications.

Letters of interest should be no more than four pages in length and should be addressed to Mr. Joseph P. Murphy, the IPoDS Committee's designated federal officer. Prospective Committee members may submit scanned copies of their letters electronically to Mr. Murphy by email to [murphyjp@state.gov](mailto:murphyjp@state.gov) and/or by U.S. Mail to IO/STA, L409 (SA1); Department of State; 2401 E Street NW.; Washington DC 20037. The deadline for receipt of applications is XX January 2016.

For further information, please contact Ms. Shereece Robinson of the Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies (IO/STA), Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State, at tel. (202) 663-2649, by email at [RobinsonSA2@state.gov](mailto:RobinsonSA2@state.gov).

Dated: December 15, 2015.

**Joseph P. Murphy,**

*Designated Federal Officer, Advisory Committee on International Postal and Delivery Services, Office of Specialized and Technical Agencies, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9393]

### Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "Shakespeare, Life of an Icon" Exhibition

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236-3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition

"Shakespeare, Life of an Icon," imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, District of Columbia, from on about January 19, 2016, until on or about March 27, 2016, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, including a list of the imported objects, contact the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs in the Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202-632-6471; email: [section2459@state.gov](mailto:section2459@state.gov)). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, L/PA, SA-5, Suite 5H03, Washington, DC 20522-0505.

Dated: December 14, 2015.

**Kelly Keiderling,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA-2015-0119]

### Public Hearings on Planned Upgrades to the New Car Assessment Program

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** NHTSA is announcing two public hearings to invite public comment on the planned upgrade to the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) recently announced in a Request for Comments (RFC) Notice.

**DATES:** NHTSA will hold a public hearing at the Patrick McNamara Federal Building in Detroit, Michigan on January 14, 2016, that will begin at 9:00 a.m. The second hearing will be held at U.S. DOT Headquarters in Washington, DC on January 29, 2016, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will make every effort to accommodate all who wish to speak. Priority will be given to those who register in advance. Each hearing will continue until 1:00

p.m. or until everyone has had an opportunity to speak. Note, however, that the Patrick McNamara Federal Building closes at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to present oral testimony related to the RFC notice at one of the public hearings, please contact the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** at least 10 days before the hearing.

**ADDRESSES:** The January 14, 2016 public hearing will be held at the Patrick McNamara Federal Building, Room 1180, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226-2523. The January 29, 2016 public hearing will be held at the U.S. DOT Headquarters Building, Oklahoma City Room, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you would like to present oral testimony at either of these public hearings, please contact Milton Cooper by the date specified under **DATES** at telephone number: (202) 366-3223; or email address: [milton.cooper@dot.gov](mailto:milton.cooper@dot.gov) (preferred method of contact). Please provide the following information: Name, affiliation, telephone number, email address, and any reasonable accommodations you may need.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the public hearings is to provide the public with an opportunity to present oral comments regarding the planned upgrade to NHTSA's New Car Assessment Program. NCAP provides comparative information on the safety of new vehicles to assist consumers with vehicle purchasing decisions and to encourage motor vehicle manufacturers to make vehicle safety improvements. To keep pace with advancements in occupant protection and the introduction of advanced technologies, NHTSA has periodically updated the program. On December 16, 2015, NHTSA published in the **Federal Register** a notice that describes and seeks comments on NHTSA's plan to advance the capabilities and safety outcomes of NCAP.<sup>1</sup>

The RFC notice announces the beginning of a process NHTSA believes will provide the agency with significantly enhanced tools and techniques for better evaluating the safety of vehicles, generating star ratings, and stimulating the development of even safer vehicles for American consumers. The agency believes the revised rating system will result in even lower numbers of deaths and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes. These tools and techniques include:

<sup>1</sup> 80 FR 78522; December 16, 2015.